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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. FOR USNATO. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHING THE EXTERIOR OF THE AWACS. REGARDING PARA 2 OF REF C, WE CONCUR WITH ANSWERS PROVIDED FOR 2B, 2C, 2D, AND 2E. SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING ANSWER FOR PARA 2A QUOTE THE AWACS IS A VERY ADVANCED SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING, SURVEILLANCE (INCLUDING MARITIME), LONG RANGE INTERDICTION, AND CONTROL OF INTERCEPTORS/FIGHTERS EMPLOYED IN THE FULL RANGE OF TACTICAL APPLICATIONS UNQUOTE. DUE TO SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE START OF AWACS DEMONSTRATIONS, SUGGEST YOU DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CINCUSAFE FOR SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO PRESS RELEASE OF ROUTINE MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE AWACS EUROPEAN DEPLOYMENT. CINCUSAFE HAS BEEN TASKED BY HQ USAF

TO MANAGE ALL MATTERS WITHIN EUROPE REGARDING THIS AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENT. WE ARE PROVIDING COMMENTS RELATIVE TO REFTELS A AND B BY SEPARATE STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

2. FOR CSAF. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER COMMENTS OF REFTELS A, B, AND C AND TASK USAF TO MAKE IN COORDINATION WITH EUCOM AND USNATO AN APPROPRIATE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN EUROPE ABOUT THE AWACS EUROPEAN DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING BRUSSELS STATIC DISPLAY PROGRAM. SUCH A RELEASE SHOULD EMPHASIZE NATO (NOT U.S.) ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. A SEPARATE STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE REGARDING OUR SEPARATE BUT CONCURRENT F-16 AND AWACS ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. REQUEST YOU ALSO HAVE AWACS SPO PROVIDE ADVANCE SUPPLY OF 8 X 10 GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AWACS AND AWACS EUROPEAN DEMONSTRATION BROCHURES TO USNATO (ARM DIV) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICES AT HQ NATO AND AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS.

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